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Errico et al.

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For: WEDGE PLATE INSERTER/IMPACTOR
AND RELATED METHODS FOR USE
IN IMPLANTING AN ARTIFICIAL
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AMENDMENT PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated July 20, 2010, finally rejecting claims **14-16, 19 and 20**, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows: